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## **ABC SHUTS DOWN GARDENA BAR FOR ILLEGAL SOLICITATION OF ALCOHOL**

**Gardena** – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) today closed a Gardena bar following a nearly two-month investigation by undercover officers of the Gardena Police Department into the illegal solicitation of alcoholic beverages.

The A Sung Club, 1523 Crenshaw Boulevard, was shut down for 60 days, plus given a three-year probationary period, for allowing females to solicit alcoholic beverages at high prices from male patrons, then splitting the profits with the bar, an illegal practice in California.

Bars that allow illegal solicitation of alcohol generally have a higher incidence of alcohol-related crime including public drunkenness, fights, drugs and other criminal activities.

Between February and April of 2003, undercover Gardena police officers were repeatedly solicited by the co-licensee and two female employees of the bar.

On April 25, 2003, ABC investigators assisted Detectives of the Gardena Police Department in citing those violating the law and notified the licensee that ABC would take administrative action against the license.

During the 60-day suspension, the bar will not be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages. In addition, the bar was placed on three-years stayed revocation. If during the three years the club is caught again violating the laws, ABC can then permanently revoke the liquor license.

The club had a similar violation in 1995, and received a 15 day suspension with a stayed revocation for three years.